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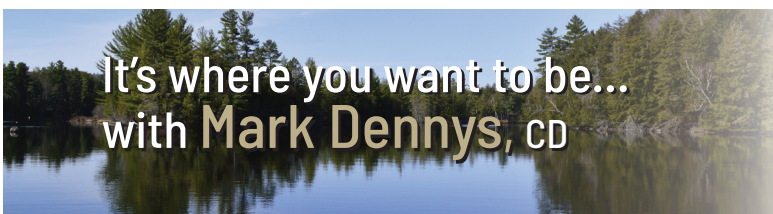
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On the lookout for meteorites

JENN WATT

Editor

Mary Jane McLeod was up in the early hours of Wednesday, July 24, not able to sleep, and was looking out her bedroom window in Stanhope when she saw something bright moving across the sky.

She didn't hear any sound, but said it was a "streaking bright flash of light" south of her home.

"[It] appeared to be a shooting star, so I wished upon it," she said.

What McLeod might have seen was a meteorite that sparked so much interest from academics that Western University put out a press release about "a fireball as bright as the full moon."

The meteorite was captured on video by the All-Sky Camera Network, which is run by Western's physics and astronomy department in collaboration with NASA's meteoroid environment office, which monitors for meteors.

What particularly interested scientists was the likelihood that fragments of the meteorite fell in the Cardiff area.

"This fireball likely dropped a small number of meteorites in the Bancroft area, specifically near the small town of Cardiff," said Peter Brown, Western astronomy professor.

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Fun under the sun

Parents James Morton, left at back, and Catherine, watch while their children six-year-old Hayden and eight-year-old Emily play the Mazors game at the Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest on Saturday, July 20 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Sponsored by the Haliburton and District Lions Club, the event showcased eight craft brewers, two craft coolers, six food vendors, activities for children and live entertainment. See more on page 5. /DARREN LUM Staff

Going after Garlon herbicide use in Dysart

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al council may consider restrictions on the use of Garlon, a powerful herbicide used to kill trees and weeds.

Councillors broached the topic during a July 23 meeting. The use of Garlon had been discussed during a June meeting of

the municipality's environment and climate change committee, the minutes from which were reviewed at last week's council meeting.

The minutes show a local pest control company is advocating for what it calls the responsible use of Garlon, specifically for the control of beech bark disease, which is killing beech trees in the county.

"This is a terminal disease that spreads before each tree dies," minutes from the

committee meeting read. "Infected beech trees will send out seed and create beech thickets, which choke out biodiversity in the area. Garlon, when applied to beech suckers, kills the root system and allows for other species to grow."

At the same committee meeting, a resident gave a delegation regarding his discomfort with the use of Garlon, which is

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Further discussion planned on Garlon

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often used by Hydro One to control plant growth interfering with hydro operations, near waterbodies, due to the harmful effect it can have on aquatic life and ecosystems.

Councillor John Smith, who's spoken against the use of Garlon in the past, said he'd had conversations with Hydro One about its use within Dysart et al.

"Right now, they have no plan to use Garlon this year, anywhere in Dysart," Smith said, adding that didn't mean plans wouldn't change throughout the year.

Smith went on to say there are some municipalities which have banned the use of Garlon altogether.

"Those are, frankly, areas that are like ours," he said, explaining these municipalities also contain a high number of waterbodies.

Councillor Larry Clarke said that Hydro One has a job to do in keeping a reliable electricity grid alive, and that perhaps instituting a setback – the example he gave was 300 metres – from water, rather than an all-out ban was the way to deal with Garlon use.

Councillor Walt McKechnie questioned how much damage Garlon was really doing to local lakes compared to gasoline from boats and lawn fertilizers.

"How much damage is that really doing, versus a few drops of Garlon?" McKechnie said. "I realize Garlon's got the label, it kills everything. What are we banning next?"

Mayor Andrea Roberts, who noted she thought the biggest concerns was proximity from waterbodies, also seemed to favour setbacks over a total ban.

The issue is set to go on the agenda at a subsequent environment and climate change committee meeting.

Requirements delay retirement residence

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A series of complicated technical requirements and legal opinions seem to be delaying the beginning of construction on a retirement residence slated for the former Fleming College property at 1 Sunnyside St. in Haliburton Village, the developer now hoping to have a building permit issued by mid-August.

Gardens Retirement Development Inc. has a 120-unit seniors' residence planned for the property, the company first visiting Dysart et al council in September of last year. It was initially hoped that construction on the project, to be built in two phases, would be started by late June, so that framing on the first phase could be completed by October, allowing interior work to go on during the winter.

However, because of previous Ontario Municipal Board hearings on prior condo proposals for the property, there is a hold on zoning that requires a number of studies and reports be completed before the municipality and the developer can enter into a site plan agreement.

Phil Mardimae of Gardens Retirement Development Inc. visited Dysart et al councillors during their July 23 meeting, saying the company had completed, or substan-

tially completed, the laundry list of requirements that had been laid out as a result of the order from the OMB.

"We are requesting removal of this hold provision," Mardimae told councillors.

However, the municipality's legal counsel has advised that the holding provision not be lifted until a site plan agreement between the municipality and the developer has been signed. There are also requirements for a drinking water responsibility agreement and approval for the design of the building's water system. While Mardimae told council that typically the company constructs the water systems in sync with the building, having them approved once complete, it appears in this case that may need to be done upfront in order for a site plan agreement to proceed.

"Some things may fall out of the design and may have to go into the agreement," Dysart et al senior planner Sue Harrison said. Harrison said the project represented "a very unique situation," since council is tied to very specific details laid out by the OMB ruling, adding the municipality had not yet received all of the details it requires.

"We're not looking to stop this development," Harrison told Mardimae and members of his delegation, including planning consultant Greg Bishop. "We want

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Fatal collision on County Road 503

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

According to a tweet from the OPP, County Rd 503 was closed between Glamorgan Road and Irondale Road on Sunday, July 28 "due to a fatal collision."

Global News reported one person was killed and two other people were taken to the hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. No names of those involved have been released. The investigation is ongoing.

The OPP have not responded to further inquiries by the Echo about the investigation.

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Previous OMB decision slowing process

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this development to go forward.”

“We just want to ensure that we’ve met our legal obligations,” Harrison said.

Bishop said the condo development that had been proposed for the property and the planned retirement facility were not even comparable in scope.

“It’s not even the same animal, and we’re trying to plug that animal into the system we’re faced with,” Bishop said, adding that the OMB ruling had essentially thrown the kitchen sink at any future developer of the property.

Because the property is located along Highway 118, the process has involved approvals and permission from the Ministry of Transportation.

“We’ve got two levels of government,” Bishop said. “Now we’ve got the MTO out of the way.”

Noting the OMB ruling includes a clause that requirements be fulfilled, or be fulfilled to the satisfaction of council, Bishop insisted what happened from here on out was really the purview of the municipality.

“Ultimately, it is up to the township,” he said. Bishop said during other projects he’s worked on where holding provisions have been in place, a substantial amount of work was still able to be done, the holding provisions lifted not long before occupancy of the properties. He used the example of the condominium development on Wallings Way.

Harrison said that situation was different, as that holding provision had been issued by the municipality, this one by the OMB.

Since the time of the ruling, the OMB has been replaced by a new local tribunal system.

Bishop said the situation was like nothing he’s seen in his 25-year career in the county.

“The stumbling block for us at council is the OMB decision,” said Mayor Andrea Roberts, who stressed how important it was that the project proceed.

As soon as all the requirements were in place, Roberts said council could call a special meeting so that construction can begin as soon as possible.

“Council’s on notice,” Roberts said. “We need 48 hours. Our hands are tied with that OMB decision.”

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Our hands are tied with that OMB decision.

— Mayor Andrea Roberts

Bishop stressed he would just like to come to whatever agreement would allow construction to proceed as soon as possible.

“What we need is a game plan going forward, so this building can start coming out the ground,” he said, adding he’d like to sit down with Harrison and the municipality’s solicitor.

Harrison agreed there’d be benefit to such a meeting.

“I’d like to get in the same room, agree with what changes are going to be done, and get them done,” she said.

“What I want to do is go away with a strong feeling that the township and developer are on the same page,” said Councillor John Smith.

It was agreed that Bishop would meet with Harrison and the municipality’s solicitor as soon as the lawyer’s schedule allowed.

The lengthy and circular conversation went on for more than an hour, Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy quipping near its conclusion that he was just as confused as when it began. Kennedy stressed he just wanted to see the project move forward.

“If you need a building permit, I’m prepared to stay here until we get it done,” Kennedy told Mardimae.

Mardimae said with site plan and drinking water agreements in place, he’d like to have the building permit by mid-August.

“The municipality has final authority to approve occu-

pancy,” he said, adding this was an additional control mechanism for council.

Former Dysart mayor Murray Fearrey was part of the delegation with Mardimae, introduced as a consultant.

“My concern going out of here today, is that we haven’t gotten any certainty,” Fearrey said. “It’s going to be a legal opinion – they’re not always right, they’re an opinion. And I don’t think that clause would have gone in the OMB order if it didn’t give council some flexibility to manoeuvre.”

Fearrey’s sentiment was echoed by Smith.

“Remember that lawyers provide advice, they do not make decisions,” Smith said.

When it comes to water supply, a 280-foot test well was drilled on the site and has revealed that enough water can be provided for the development, without negatively impacting neighbouring wells, according to Kevin Warner, a senior project manager and hydrologist with environmental consultancy Cambium.

Warner told councillors a 24-hour pumping test was performed and had done testing at a well on an adjacent property.

While the company issued a well survey in the area, “we had quite a few decline,” Warner said, adding this is not unusual, as people can be hesitant about having a company working in their wells.

“We did express the study was to their benefit,” he said.



Storytime

Children listen to Carolyn Huizinga Mills read her kids’ book, *The Little Boy Who Lived Down the Drain*, about a young child finding their place in a busy family while looking for ways to solve their problems independently. Part of their Reading Action Program, the Lions Club worked together with Point In Time Summer Adventure day camps on July 11 in Wilberforce to help provide a morning filled with arts and crafts.

/Submitted by Lions Club Member Gail Stelter



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Scientists ask to see meteorite fragments found in area

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"We suspect meteorites made it to the ground because the fireball ended very low in the atmosphere just to the west of Bancroft and slowed down significantly. This is a good indicator that material survived."

If they recover fragments, researchers will be better able to ascertain where the meteorite came from in the solar system.

"Analysing the meteorite in conjunction with its orbit tells us where it comes from and what it is made of; ultimately this helps us understand how the solar system formed," Brown told the *Echo*. "The video data tells us the meteorite's orbit prior to hitting the atmosphere."

An event like the one last week is relatively rare.

"Bright fireballs such as the one [on July 24] which possibly drop meteorites occur every year or two over southern Ontario," Brown said.

It is hoped that if fragments are discovered, they will be taken to the Royal Ontario Museum to help with research. Meteorites are dark in colour with a scalloped exterior, information from Western University says. They are dense and are often attracted to magnets because of their metal content. Anyone who finds one is asked to put it in a clean plastic bag or aluminum foil and avoid touching it to preserve its scientific value.

Meteorites belong to the landowner whose land they are found on; if you do take a meteorite to the ROM, Brown said you can ask to have it returned to you after it's studied.

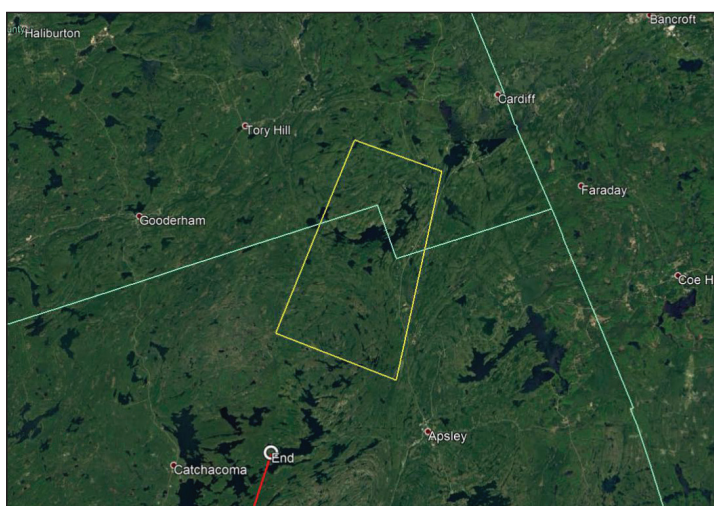
Anyone who has found a suspicious rock that could be a meteorite fragment in the Cardiff area is asked to contact Kim Tait at the ROM: ktait@rom.on.ca.

As for McLeod, she says she's waiting to see if the wish she made Wednesday morning will come true.



A fireball as bright as the full moon was observed by the Western University All-Sky Camera Network across southern Ontario and Quebec 2:44 a.m. ET on Wednesday, July 24. This is a still image from Camera 12.

This image shows the ground path of the fireball (in red), plus the fall zone where meteorites may be potentially found (rectangle in yellow). Smaller meteorites will be found to the south (closer to the fireball endpoint).



The Night Sky

With us fully into summer it's a great time to take in the gem of the Haliburton Highlands' dark skies, the Milky Way. This swath of faint light stretching high overhead from the northeast to the south is the disc of our own Milky Way galaxy. If you look toward the south just above the horizon you are looking back to the bulge in the centre of our galaxy. When you look to either the west or east of it, you are actually looking out above or

below our 100,000 light-year-wide flattened disc of stars as we cruise along in the vastness of space.

Jupiter continues to shine bright in the south with fainter Saturn a little way to the east of it.

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There were smiles all around at the Hockley Valley Brewing Co. tent during the Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest on Saturday, July 20 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Sponsored by the Haliburton and District Lions Club, the event was held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and showcased eight craft brewers, two craft coolers, six food vendors, activities for children and live entertainment. /DARREN LUM Staff



Volunteer Mike Jaycock registers a visitor for the Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest on Saturday, July 20 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

Gary Baumgartner of Gary and the Rough Ideas band performs.



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Controlling fireworks

MUCH IS being made of the new fireworks bylaw enacted by Dysart et al. The new rules ask that people not use fireworks on their properties with the exception of on New Year's Eve and four weekends in the summer.

The rules have set off an explosion of disagreement online as people debate whether limiting fireworks is anti-cottager and anti-fun or pro-environment and pro-serenity.

While private fireworks displays are beautiful and for many of us signal a time of celebration and relaxation, there are issues with them.

Depending on which fireworks are purchased, there can be pollution and residue.

They are also upsetting to animals – wild and domestic. It's well known that many dogs have a hard time when fireworks are set

off, often cowering under beds and tables. It's likely even more unpleasant for the animals that are living outside – close to where the fireworks are being deployed.

As explosive devices, they can pose a danger to those who light them and people in the vicinity. Set off in the wrong area, they can also cause fires.

And then there's the people component.

Every person has to tolerate the behaviour of other people. That's what it means to be human. We don't always agree with one another and sometimes the things our neighbours do annoy us. When it happens infrequently, we

politely ignore it. It's how we keep the peace and keep friends.

But when a behaviour becomes incessant, it's no longer just annoying.

This is where the fireworks bylaw comes in. On some lakes, fireworks are being set off far more often than on long weekends. More often than every weekend.

Because the Highlands in the summer is recreational for so many, every day of the week can be a cause for celebration. And in more heavily populated regions,

that means fireworks several times a week. Obviously, this isn't good for most people.

Unfortunately, even with a fireworks bylaw in place, including a fine of \$500, we all know that those in violation are unlikely to be caught. If you are reporting someone shooting fireworks across your lake on a Wednesday in August, how are you going to know exactly who is

doing it? And when the authorities arrive, how can they prove who set them off?

What we have in this bylaw is a set of rules that will seldom be enforced. But can they lead to better behaviour? Sure.

There will be a subset of the population that will see the new rules and abide by them. And, over time, some of the messages behind why the bylaw exists will percolate to wider groups of people, likely lessening the frequency of fireworks in the Highlands.

But can we expect fireworks to be restricted to four weekends in the summer in our lifetimes?

Probably not.



jenn watt

Editorial



Ant visitor

by Darren Lum

Mid-summer madness

IHAVE ABSOLUTELY loved the last few weeks since we connected. The weather has been warm. The town has been busy with tourists. Head Lake park has been abuzz with activity and festivals. And most importantly everyone has been in a great mood. We have much to be proud of in Haliburton so let's all hold our heads up high and continue to sing our own praises.

By now I know you have seen the ads for Midnight Madness happening this Friday, Aug. 2 from 7 to 11 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Echo and the Downtown Haliburton BIA. We are so fortunate to have such a great sponsor who believes that this event should be a free family fun-filled night.

Midnight Madness will feature free balloons and balloon animals for children, and free sidewalk chalk art for children. There will also be free banana splits.

The always fun and entertaining Gord Kidd and Friends will be playing from the main stage. And returning this year with an encore performance will be Bex in Motion and her fire show. Bex has some new tricks for you this year that you won't want to miss.

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points of view

Meteorites of passage

YOU MIGHT have heard that last week, a meteorite fell from the sky and landed somewhere around Cardiff. Though this is truly exciting, I'm not jealous. Our turn will come.

Nor does it bother me that researchers are reaching out to anyone in the area asking that they turn in any fragments of any meteorite they might have found.

Heck, if you have a keen interest in science as I do, you are thrilled by all this. But you might also be wondering how researchers will know that the fragments of rock brought in are from a meteorite rather than anywhere else in the county. Well, I have done some serious scientific research myself, and if the comic books I have read are any indication, it's a well-documented fact that meteors that crash on earth often turn ordinary people into superheroes – or mutants. Either way is great for cultural diversity.

(Lucky Cardiff.)

Therefore if someone comes in bearing a rock that he/she claims to be from a meteorite all a researcher needs to do is look for a few telltale signs.

The most obvious one is that the person bringing in a true meteor fragment will probably be wearing a cape – and not just because they are from Cardiff. No, wearing a cape is also a sure sign that someone has been infected with a deep space type of radiation that bestows superpowers upon them, not the least of which is a fierce sense of fashion.

Another revealing sign is when the person walking in the door of

your lab is carrying a glowing piece of molten rock, especially if that rock weighs somewhere between one and two tons.

If you happen to be observant you might also notice that the same person might be wearing tights and pointy shoes. He/she might also ask where the nearest phone booth is and then leave suddenly after getting directions. Oh, and if they wear horn-rimmed glasses and work for a small town newspaper, much like I do, that could also be a hint that the person is now a budding superhero and, more importantly the rock is from a meteorite.

Less obvious features are inquisitiveness about which hand drawn logo you like best or questions like, "Just curious, do you think people would root for a marsupial-based crime fighter?"

Also, if the meteor researcher gets invited to a secluded cave or polar hideout to collect the rock, the odds are good it came from a meteor.

On the other hand, if the rock has moss or graffiti on it, it's probably a fake.

So, yeah, I'm a bit jealous all this excitement is happening in Cardiff. I mean when is the last time space dumped something big on us?

I know I should be happy for them. After all they are probably getting a superhero (or mutants). Good for them.

The sad part is I probably know as much about the mysterious powers of meteorites as anyone there. I should have been there to catch it.

I said as much to Jenn too and she noted that I am obsessed with this.

"I can't help it," I said, "Right now, I have nothing but space and rocks in my head."

"Tell me something I didn't know," she said.

For someone who has never found a meteorite, she's pretty perceptive.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo of the Haliburton Citizens Band was taken in 1905. Standing are John Adams, Sid Johnston, bandmaster, and Walter Austin. Seated left to right are: William Lucas, Frank Austin, Jack Potts, Geo. Potts, Garnet Austin, Harry Abbot, James Weekes, Frank McIntyre, T. Jones, William Prust and Edward Austin. /From the Echo archives

letters to the editor

Online courses aren't best for all

To the Editor,

I'd like to comment on Doug Ford's plan to make it compulsory for Ontario high school students to take four online courses in order to graduate. As a former teacher, I have an informed perspective on this debate.

A computer is a tool like a calculator or a blackboard. Students will not understand or be able to work through a math assignment if calculators are merely thrown on their desks. Students will need instruction. They will need the lesson clarified. Online courses do convey instructions and offer help in menus; this is, the good ones do. Whether all students can access the help is another issue.

In order to require students to take online courses, Doug Ford assumes that all students learn the same way. This is not true. Students learn through a variety of styles. Some comprehend oral instruction the best. For other students, visual representation is most effective. Other students are kinesthetic learners; they need to be physically active in order to learn.

In the ideal online course classroom, there might be visual representation of the lessons on

bulletin boards. The chairs might be on wheels. Students who grasp a concept would be free to move and sit with students who are struggling. Of course, a facilitator would be present who could answer questions and offer help to all students. A facilitator would have solid knowledge of the curriculum. She/he would be aware of the students' strengths and weaknesses. She/he would also be comfortable with the online program. Who could fill this role? How about a *teacher*?

Doug Ford's insistence that students take online courses ignores the present reality. Lessons taught using computers occur across the curriculum in most if not all classrooms in Ontario. Of course, if he is looking for ways to save money by replacing teachers with computers, he is misguided. I am sure Doug Ford would object to students using only a calculator for all math classes, or being taught exclusively through blackboard notes. A computer is a tool. For students to use the tool most effectively, they need help. The people best equipped to offer that help are *teachers*.

Guy Pritchard

More letters to the Editor on page 11

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Fish fry anyone?

Ministry of Natural and Forestry conservation officers, three J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 5 students and three friends came together for a day of fishing at a "secret lake," as part of the Take a Kid Fishing Day event on July 3 in Minden Hills. The three students won their day of fishing based on a poster contest with themes of fish species, resources protection, and when the season is open. Each winner could bring one friend, who were taken out on boats to fish and received a rod, tackle box, a shore lunch and snacks. In June, a conservation officer had visited the school to talk about the work conservation officers do along with the themes in the poster contest. The presentation and the contest, which promotes conservation and fishing with the children and their families, is provided to the three public elementary schools in Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce on a three-year rotation. Photo submitted

Testing must be completed for water refill station

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Anyone who's seen the new water refill station in Head Lake Park recently may have also noticed that it remains unusable.

And while councillors for Dysart et al seem to feel the municipality is waiting on the health unit for water testing to be completed, an inspector with the health unit says it's incumbent upon the municipality to take water samples and have them tested by a lab.

"So, we've got a water refill station, it's got a lovely plastic bag over it, with a sign that says 'testing in progress,' and I understand the health unit needs to do something," Councillor John Smith said during a July 23 council meeting. "So, do we have a timeline, or a commitment? We've got events. There's one tonight. We've got a lot of people in the park."

The installation of the refill station is part of Dysart council's move to eliminate single-use plastics in the municipality, both by staff members and in terms of sales of plastic bottles of water at events in the park.

Mayor Andrea Roberts called the process "painfully slow."

"There have been numerous emails sent," Roberts said, adding those correspondences began in March or April. "A little frustrating that we have it all ready to go and so, there is more conversation with the health unit Monday, trying to expedite this process."

"I won't say what I think about the health unit," said Smith, "but I understand why the premier maybe thinks they should have less funding, because the people who are working there should be looking for a different type of activity. It's ridiculous."

However, a rep from the health unit told the *Echo* it's incumbent upon the municipality to take water samples from the station, submit them to a laboratory for testing, and then submit those results to the health unit.

Neha Gandhi is a public health inspector with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit and is the inspector who has been liaising with municipal staff on the testing of the water at the refill station.

Gandhi said that providing water for public consumption means a number of regulations must be adhered to.

"The owner/operator has to be in compliance," she said.

Gandhi said that in such situations, it is also the responsibility of the owner/operator to take water samples, and submit them to a laboratory, then share those results with the health unit for approval.

She said there have been some communication delays between the health unit and the municipality, regarding emails and involving people being on vacation.

"Unfortunately, due to a bit of a delay in communication, they were put on hold," she said.

The *Echo* asked when the refill station might be available for public use.

"That's dependent on the lab they're using," Gandhi said.

As part of health unit consolidations the Ford government in enacting throughout the province, the HKPR District Health Unit is being merged with those in Peterborough, Hastings County, Prince Edward County and Durham Region. Exact details around that merger remain unclear.

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Coalition working to reduce deer–car collisions

JENN WATT

Editor

Incidents of vehicle collisions caused by deer are down across Haliburton County, with work ongoing to further reduce the chance that motorists will hit an animal, or get into an accident because of one.

Liane Spong-Hooyenga, detachment commander with the Haliburton Highlands OPP, said the police, the County of Haliburton, and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry have been collaborating to make roads safer and help the public avoid wildlife collisions.

The OPP's analysis of the first six months of 2019 show that overall car-deer collisions are down when compared to the same time period in 2018.

"Overall, the number of car-deer collisions in the Haliburton Highlands area decreased over the first six months of the year with 103 occurrences in 2018 and 84 occurrences in 2019," she said in an email to the *Echo*.

Looking at the three main roadways in the county, Spong-Hooyenga said numbers were up on County Road 21 with nine more collisions this year, but down by 13 on Highway 35, and down by 11 on Highway 118. Compared to last year's deer population, numbers are stable, the MNRF confirmed to the *Echo*.

Brian Mulholland, engineering assistant with the county's public works department, said County Road 21 is known to be one of the more challenging roads when it comes to avoiding deer.

"County Road 21 jumped out at us as a real one that we needed to see what we could do in terms of practical solutions," Mulholland said.

The ratio of deer strikes to cars on County Road 21 is higher than the rest of the roadways in the county, he said.

The county's roads department has been working over the last couple of years to make conditions better for drivers. They conducted an intense maintenance operation specifically on County Road 21, removing mature vegetation that had crept up to the roadside.

"The trees obscured the Bell line along one side of the road. You wouldn't even know there was a Bell cable or a Bell line," he said. The county approached Bell about the work they were doing and Bell Canada contributed financially to the work.

They've also kept a regular brushing schedule along the other county roads, which is done using a unit that extends from the shoulder of the road and clips down light vegetation. This improves sightlines for motorists and has the added benefit of improving road conditions during the icy season by letting more sunlight onto the pavement to melt ice.

"If there is an animal entering onto the roadway, you're probably going to have a better opportunity to see it as it approaches versus having the brush right out to the edge of the roadway," Mulholland said.

Additionally, the county has incorporated paved shoulders with new capital works projects, which gives drivers more space to get their car under control if they suddenly come upon a deer.

"If you have to hit your brakes because there's an animal coming on the road, you have that additional area to bring your vehicle to a safe stop," Mulholland said.

The county's two digital radar signs can also be strategically placed in deer-crossing hotspots to get drivers to slow down.

Spong-Hooyenga said that a couple years ago, Haliburton County had the second highest rate of wildlife collisions in the province. And while this decrease in incidents is certainly welcome, deer and other wildlife are still a frequent hazard for drivers.

Pauline Johnson was heading home with her husband Bob from an event in Haliburton July 17 when they hit a deer, which died near the road.

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Swerving is very dangerous and can suddenly involve more vehicles.

— Detachment commander
Liane Spong–Hooyenga



Although deer-car collisions are down so far this year, the animals are still quite active, especially during dawn and dusk. Motorists are encouraged to brake when it's safe to do so, rather than swerve, if a deer runs out on the road. /JENN WATT Staff

"We couldn't see it in the dusk when we hit it and it got dark quickly by the time the police got there," Johnson said. "We thought it might have run off."

When the couple found the deer carcass the next morning, they weren't sure what to do about it.

"We felt somehow that we should tell someone," she said, but couldn't get through on the MNRF's line. Although they eventually found a company that agreed to remove the deer, she wondered about the proper protocol.

Mulholland said the county roads department has responsibility for removing roadkill on its roads, which they take back to their patrol yard and bury. They take calls from police or members of the public when there's something that needs to be removed.

What to do if you hit a deer

1. Move your vehicle to a safe place. If possible, pull over to the side of the road, and turn on your hazard lights to alert other motorists of any hazards. If you must leave your vehicle, stay off the road and out of the way of any oncoming vehicles. Deer are very active at dusk and dawn — times when you or your vehicle may be less visible to other motorists.

2. Call the police and your insurance company. Alert the OPP if the deer is blocking traffic and creating a threat for other drivers. If the collision results in an injury or property damage, you may need to fill out an official traffic collision report. If it is a minor incident with very little to no damage there is not a requirement to report the incident to police however a motorist must consider a report can prove useful when filing an insurance claim.

3. That said, be careful not to assume your vehicle is safe to drive. Double-check that your car is drivable after colliding with a deer. Look for leaking fluid, loose parts, tire damage, broken lights, a hood that won't latch and other safety hazards. If your vehicle seems unsafe in any way, you should also call for a tow operator.

4. Document the incident. If it's safe to do so, take photographs of the roadway, your surroundings, damage to your vehicle, and any injuries you or your passengers sustained. If witnesses stop, take down their account of what occurred, and ask for their contact information.

5. Stay away from the animal. A frightened, wounded deer could use its powerful legs and sharp hooves to protect themselves and ultimately harm a person. The OPP will take care of clearing scenes and ensuring overall public safety.

Provided by Liane Spong-Hooyenga, detachment commander, Haliburton Highlands OPP

Aside from improving road conditions to improve visibility and room to manoeuvre, drivers still need to remember to avoid swerving for wildlife whenever possible. OPP analysis shows that several accidents in the Highlands have involved people losing control of their vehicles after swerving to avoid wildlife.

"It is difficult to avoid the urge to swerve and avoid an animal, however swerving is very dangerous and can suddenly involve more vehicles," Spong-Hooyenga said. "This is where motorists also can help themselves. If safe to do so, slowing down and braking while staying in a lane is the ideal, but again, only if safe to do so, and that involves drivers being vigilant and aware of their surroundings at all times, and in this case particularly if there is another motorist behind you."

Mulholland said it's been rewarding to see the number of collisions decrease following efforts to improve road conditions and increase education through radio-based public service announcements. However, he'd still like to see incidents drop on County Road 21, though with variables such as deer populations and increased traffic volumes, it's hard to pinpoint exactly what would drive those numbers down.



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Community of Making looking to grow

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

Members of Haliburton's Community of Making are brainstorming ideas on how to expand their network of partnerships that give people access to technology throughout the county.

On July 23, members representing the Haliburton museum, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, community radio station, Haliburton County Development Corporation, municipal government, arts sector, residents, the Haliburton Forest, and the library gathered at Canoe FM to discuss the program's next steps.

"The library and college have taken the lead on this," said Jim Blake, arts council consultant for the HCDC. "At this point, it's time for us to look broader at the whole Community of Making so it's not just seen as, oh the library is doing this, it's that we're all doing this together in some way."

According to Blake, funding for the library to upkeep this program will partially end by the end of December. This presents an opportunity for an application to be submitted to the Ontario Tril-

lium Foundation this fall for a Grow Grant, which could come in this spring.

The planning of the Community of Making's next steps came as it was announced that SIRCH Community Services has received a Seed Grant from the Trillium Foundation to invest in Repair Cafés, fixed meeting places where tools are available for community volunteers to repair a variety of items.

"As of yesterday, we got the grants to do the Repair Cafés," said Gina Robertson, executive director for SIRCH Community Services.

According to Scott Michael Walling, co-ordinator for the Centre of Making at Haliburton School of Art + Design, thanks to their centre, people have access to equipment that can economically expand their creative enterprises.

"One of the artists in the area, she does mixed media works, after a while she heard of the laser cutter at the college," said Walling. "She came up with an earring design. She is now fully capable of coming into the Centre for Making and using the laser, and I don't need to babysit her. She does these laser cut earrings, and they sell like hotcakes because she comes in all the time and makes these giant sheets of these."

Ideas include getting a mobile unit to



On July 23 at Canoe FM, members from different parts of the county got together to discuss the Community of Making's next steps for growing the program. A discussion circle ensued, with Jim Blake from the HCDC starting the conversation as people brainstormed ideas around the room. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

transport the program throughout the community or investing in a set location for people to visit for all their creative technological projects.

One potential short-term solution could be to set up an interactive map for people to access online that allows them to see where to go for what type of service, which generated murmurs of sup-

port throughout the room.

"For the last little while I've been thinking of an interactive map kind of thing, where it shows the county, and then it shows all the little hubs of little things you can do," said Walling. "But when you click on it, just like in Google Maps, it comes up with a list of inventory of things you can do at that space, and how to access it."

Barriers to the organization's growth and success include transportation, funding, space, staffing, differing interests from profit and non-profit partnerships, and consistency in programming and marketing.

"We've done the work, we've done the branding, we've got the domain," said Nancy Therrien, programming and outreach co-ordinator for Haliburton County Public Library. "There's a structure there, it just needs to be built and coordinated."

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It's time for us to look broader at the whole Community of Making ...

— Jim Blake

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Council approves festival pitch from teen

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al councillors gave the green light to a proposal from a local young person for a small water sports and musical festival in Head Lake Park on Aug. 24.

Council was visited by Abe Churko during their July 23 meeting, Churko requesting permission to use the park for a one-day event that would entail wake boarding on Head Lake beginning mid-day, and live music in the park's bandshell by five or six acts later in the day.

"I feel like there's not a lot for young people to do in Haliburton," Churko, 19, told councillors. He explained the organizers and performers were mostly his friends, most from Haliburton County and a few from Toronto.

"I don't want it to be too complicated this year," Churko said, explaining he intended to charge an admission fee of maybe \$10 in hopes of recovering costs, and that the event would not include the sale of alcohol.

"That makes it easier because you don't have to fence," said Mayor Andrea Rob-

erts, who also noted the lack of alcohol sales made insurance less complicated and less expensive as well. Churko said he planned to have a few vendors and Roberts said it would be important to have some food and water available for people.

"Stuff really is needed in the community for young people," said Councillor Larry Clarke. Clarke noted normally there would be a longer approval process for such an event, but in the absence of an events and recreation programming committee meeting this month, the matter had come directly to council.

Clarke said he thought managing wake boarding spectators could be a challenge.

"To me, it causes more complexity trying to manage the site," he said.

Churko, who's been working with Dysart recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller on the concept, said he estimated attendance would be about 300, and that the event would be relegated to the area of Head Lake Park surrounding the bandshell.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy wondered what the situation would be regarding washrooms. Churko said it was his intention for attendees to use the public washrooms located at the park, and Mueller

said the anticipated attendance was under the threshold requiring an event organizer to rent public toilets.

Kennedy, who is the former EMS director for Haliburton County, also suggested Churko get in touch with the fire department and EMS to let them know about his plans.

A number of councillors commented how nice it was to see a young person in council chambers and getting involved in

the community.

"I think we should commend you, and help you any way we can," said Councillor Walt McKechnie.

The event is to be called The Athwart Hearts Music Festival, and when Roberts asked what the name meant, Churko explained that "athwart" was essentially a synonym for "sideways," and was meant as a reference to wake boarding and skateboarding.



Radio Bingo benefits dental program

On July 25, Canoe FM presented a cheque to Volunteer Dental Outreach for \$12,534 from proceeds from their Radio Bingo. According to dentist Bill Kerr, long-time volunteer for VDO, proceeds will go towards fixing equipment. Kerr said the timing was "perfect" as the organization has been finding ways to fund their repairs. Radio station manager Roxanne Casey said she was happy to present the money: "We're really excited to be able to support what you do at the VDO, because it's really needed." /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

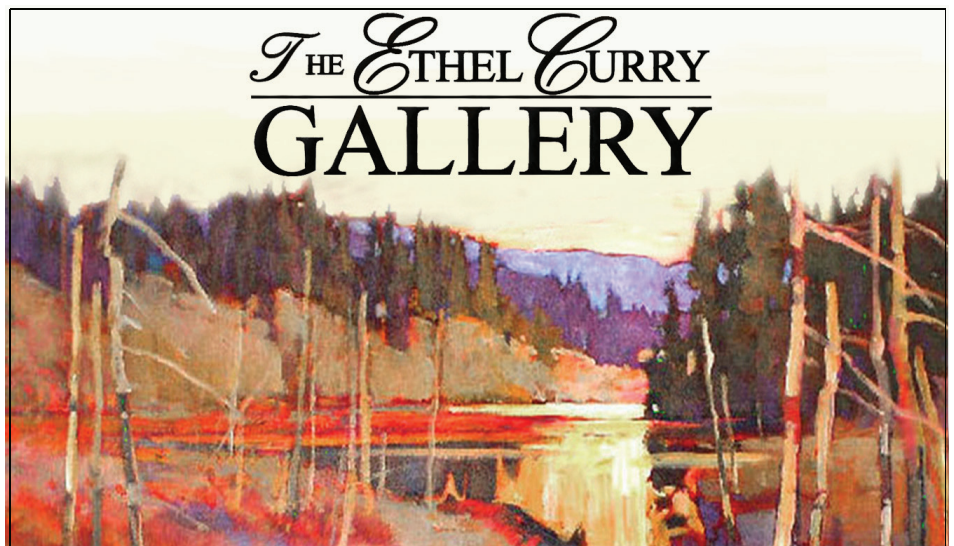
Sadie is one chill pup

To the Editor,

I'm a cottager on South Portage Lake. My blind Brittany, Sadie, loves to go for walks and swims in Head Lake Park. The day after the Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest she found a new way to cool off!

I thought you might like to share my photo with your readers.

Nancy Dix
South Portage Lake



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A closer look into Bancroft Community Transit

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

With a population of about 4,000, Bancroft has its own volunteer-driven transit system that connects people to towns and cities for both recreational and medical reasons. Despite all the odds, they exist. But how do they do it?

"In 2001 it was identified as a gap, there was a gap in transportation for young clientele," said Bancroft Community Transit director of operations Gwen Coish. "So a group of people got together, did a grant application, and BCT came to fruition."

When the transit system began in 2009, a small group of volunteers organized rides from the town to neighbouring cities to give residents access to medical appointments. Today, Bancroft Community Transit has 50 volunteer drivers and a small, humble office filled with letters from their clients thanking them for their work, operated by an all-women team who organize trips daily. More than just medical, the organization has branched into work placements, legal appointments, day care, and necessities of life.

"We provided over 45,000 rides last year, which is approximately 110 to 115 rides a day," said Coish. "And that's just medical transportation."

Today, BCT has 25 volunteer drivers in Bancroft, and another 25 in Belleville. Volunteers are known to drive out to the closest city, Peterborough, to Toronto for Sick-Kids, and as far as Ottawa for any specialized appointments. To pay for this service, BCT charges its clients, unless covered by Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program, and requires at least one-day advance notice for a booking, and a two-day notice for weekends.

"I've been driving for BCT for about 10 years now," said 59-year-old Bancroft resident and medical BCT volunteer driver Bob Funk. "I enjoy the driving and I enjoy the people. I signed up for Bancroft Transit and have been fairly happy ever since. You go through life and you make your money and you do your time, but at the end of the day you've got to be a little bit beneficial to others as well."

From all the drives Funk has done, he's been able to see first-hand the value this service provides to people – whether it's transportation or providing a shoulder to lean on.

"It's sometimes easy to talk to a driver they don't really know, as opposed to a family member," said Funk. "I've had people who spill all, we listen, and we talk to them. We're not trained in that way, but sometimes you're just kind of natural at that kind of thing. I drove a lady once and she stared out the window the whole way. You never know, you've got to see how the client is. I never ask, I never question."

The small organization serves multiple towns and cities, and with two wheelchair accessible vans and three shuttle vans, proves expensive to operate and organize. According to Coish, the bulk of their funding is reserved for the medical side of the operation. Without support from fundraisers, local governments, and upper-level grants and tax write-offs, the organization wouldn't be able to support itself, let alone provide public transportation.

According to Coish, their public transit projects cost about \$105,000 a year. While municipal support from participating communities Bancroft, Highlands East, Maynooth, and Wollaston is crucial to keeping the organization funded, there are often gaps in the budget when grants run out.

"As far as public transit, it doesn't make money," said Coish. "So to say we're providing a service that would support itself ... without the gas tax dollars it would fold. We wouldn't be able to provide it. Just finding the funds and the sources to make up that shortfall is a forever thing."

To help fund its service, BCT launches their ATV ride and York River races every year. Although successful community fundraisers and events, their latest social enterprise, Wattle & Daub Café, helps bring in extra revenue for the organization while providing a pivotal meeting hub for members of the community.

"Funds raised go towards, first of all, maintaining the building and our staff, and the excess go to transportation," said Coish. "So every time you buy a cup of coffee, or a muffin, you're supporting the transit."

Since 2017, Bancroft has transitioned into the public transit space, connecting people from Highlands East, Maynooth, and Wollaston to Bancroft through their shuttle routes. The public transit routes often emerge out of



Gwen Coish, director of operations of Bancroft Community Transit, has been organizing transportation for Bancroft and surrounding communities since the organization's inception in 2009. After 10 years of being in the rural transportation business for recreational and medical purposes, Coish says transportation service is critical to people's livelihoods in rural communities. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

a need for one community to have access to something found in another. In Wilberforce, a Scotiabank branch closed about two years ago, creating a need for people to travel to Bancroft and do their banking.

"My concern was we don't want to drive people out of town all the time," said Kathleen Rogers, administrator for Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation. "So I expressed that to Gwen, and I said, 'Can we just get people around locally so they can go to the post office and go to the grocery store?' And she said not a problem!"

Currently, according to Rogers, BCT comes into Wilberforce four times a month: providing local community transit every second and fourth Friday, and to get people into Bancroft, every first and third Friday. Although Rogers says people in Highlands East were excited about the local program, the problem has been usage.

"We're trying to figure out what people want," said Rogers. "And we figured for five bucks a trip around town, I think that's a pretty decent fee, they'll pick you up from home, take you to lunch, take you to the post office, take you to the grocery store, take you to the pharmacy, and take you back home again. You just get all your errands done. I'm not sure why it's not getting used – we always had transportation issues. They kinda got this in place, but of course they aren't going to continue funding it if it doesn't get used."

Coish says as long as they're needed, they're happy to help.

"This service will be re-evaluated after the first year, which will be November 2019," said Coish. "Once we have reviewed our stats, we can make a better determination of how to proceed for 2020."

A recent community transportation grant of \$500,000 this year will go toward providing a five-day service connecting Highlands East, Maynooth and Wollaston to Bancroft, a big leap that will give residents opportunities to go to neighbouring towns more than once or twice a week.

"It's exciting because it's going to get them flowing," said Coish, who hopes the endeavours in public transit can help ease the load on medical transportation. "This is just going to increase, we hope, people's ability to get out and about and spend time in this community."

Although their service is needed throughout the town and its surrounding areas, many nearby communities go without transit systems, despite interest within the population to have one. A big hurdle is municipal government support.

"I think sometimes they have maybe other priorities and they don't feel that transportation is a priority," said Coish. "So they don't see the value of having a completely supported service in every municipality, being



Wattle & Daub Café is BCT's latest social enterprise that serves as an additional revenue route for the organization and as a meeting point for people in the community. Open since 2017, every summer BCT seeks to hire young people, often those who may have an identified disability, to work in the café. The café operates alongside BCT's other social enterprise Heart of the Park, a park area with a summer canteen where water and land sport equipment is available to rent, which has been open since 2014. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

able to contribute to and make it flow that much easier. Because it's a lot of work."

Although some places may be reluctant to invest in a transit system, Coish says it takes time to develop relationships and move into different areas.

"Looking at the bigger picture again, we see a couple areas we want to build up, and I'm working on that right now just in partnership with other organizations," said Coish. "If Haliburton is looking to create a transit commission, for sure, however we can help. We're as close as the nearest phone, if they want to invite us to come in and give advice, or tell them how we do things, we're here absolutely."

Although running a non-profit transportation system is hard, Coish says she knows it's needed in the Bancroft community.

"When we get those little letters or those little notes, or those little phone calls or those little comments, we know that they're heartfelt, and sometimes we just need that reassurance," said Coish. "Some of the people are completely reliant on us. It's more than just a transportation service – it really is a life line. We're extremely grateful and honoured to be doing this."

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'Absolutely no discussion' on closing HE fire halls: Burton

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Highland Grove residents are concerned about what they fear is a potential closure of their fire hall, while Highlands East councillors and staff say a decision on Station 2 has "absolutely not" been made.

Talk of fire hall closures has been a topic in Highlands East since recommendations in a 2009 master fire plan report created for the municipality by Peter Corfield and Associates included a suggestion of the replacement of Station 1 with a station closer to Cardiff, the replacement of Station 4 and the municipal building with a "new structure located on municipally-owned property to the north/east of the present Wilberforce location," and the closure of Station 2 in an effort to reduce costs.

"The basic problem for Highlands East is 'too many,'" reads the plan. "Too many stations, too many vehicles and the desire for too many volunteers." It concludes that, "three fire stations, fewer fire trucks and fewer firefighters will bring positive results in the long term."

According to the municipality's website, the five stations in Highlands East are located in Cardiff (Station 1), Highland Grove (Station 2), Gooderham (Station 3), Wilberforce (Station 4) and Paudash (Station 6). Station 5 in Tory Hill was closed – a recommendation included in the Corfield report – and replaced with an EMS base in 2012. Currently, 51 firefighters serve the municipality, compared to 65 at the time of the report.

The Corfield and Associates report was again presented at the first meeting

of a newly established fire committee on March 11. Acting fire chief Chris Baughman advised at that time that the report is dated in terms of costs and call numbers noted, and that changes and improvements within the fire department had been made since it was initially published.

"The Municipality of Highlands East is facing a number of serious challenges regarding the continued operation of its fire service in its present structure," reads the report. After consulting with municipal officials and fire officers, as well as touring the municipality's six stations, the report notes, "the present six fire stations have proven quite costly, in dollars and human resources, to maintain," and that "a number of the present fire stations would not meet Ontario fire or building code regulations." It also says that "Highlands East has made some progressive moves toward addressing these issues," such as in the purchase of modern fire equipment.

The fire hall committee was recommended in an ombudsman's report last October, suggesting it "serve as a liaison between the municipality of Highlands East fire department and municipal council." According to a report to council on Feb. 12 from acting fire chief Chris Baughman, the committee's objectives are "initially to review the effectiveness, efficiency and economics of the current Highlands East fire department and provide recommendations to council moving forward. Referencing past studies and the current trends and needs, specific to Highlands East," as well as to address concerns outside the normal day-to-day operations.

"It is hoped that this committee will instill a level of confidence both with fire

fighters, as well as the general public that council is aware of the operations of the fire department," reads the committee's mandate.

The fire hall committee is made up of Councillor Cam McKenzie as chair and Mayor Dave Burton as co-chair, alongside Baughman, who is a non-voting member, and district chiefs Wayne Galloway, Doug Bowen, Brian Horner, Gary Mount and Brian Woods.

The role of the fire committee includes that it prepare a service delivery review for council's consideration that includes a minimum of three options and one being status quo, and a report on calls from each hall for the past three years as well as a map of all calls for the past three years, costing for all options, impact to fire coverage and impact to personal home owner insurance.

At the June 10 committee meeting, members created fire committee goals within the terms of reference to be approved by council and probed by the committee. Option 1, as mandated by council, was to maintain status quo. Option 2 is that instead of having five fire stations for the three response areas that are currently in place, there would only be one fire station in each of the three response areas – the location of that station would be determined. Option 3 was to look at moving/disposing of equipment between the current halls while looking for efficiencies that will still meet the minimum standards for required equipment. Option 4 was an option of closing all halls, while building a new hall that is centrally located and staffed by full-time firefighters. Option 5 is to have a central station that is staffed by full-time firefighters while still maintaining volunteers at some or all of the existing stations, considered as a composite fire department.

McKenzie has said the committee determined the options presented to council, not the Corfield report, and that the committee was established to address other subjects affecting the fire department as well, including wildland fire training, recruitment and retention and fire prevention. Burton has suggested discussions around ice/water training and increased medical training.

Concerned residents have been attending the monthly fire hall meetings, making a delegation to ask questions, and Station 2 firefighters asked questions of the committee as well, making it clear they were not in favour of a closure.

Cheryl Ellis, a Highland Grove resident who volunteered on the fire department for six years and whose house was destroyed by fire in recent years said that seeing the Peter Corfield and Associates report come up again has made residents

fearful of a potential fire hall closure.

When her spouse had a stroke last August, she said the local fire department was first to respond, and quickly.

"I called 911, and it just seemed like a blink of an eye and the first response guys were here," she said, estimating they arrived within five minutes and crediting them for reducing the effects of the stroke.

Should the Highland Grove fire hall be closed, she said the response time from Wilberforce, the next closest hall, would be significantly longer than from a hall in her own community.

"I feel quite comforted knowing the fellas are just there and they're so fast," she said.

Ellis, who ran against Burton in last year's election, said she thinks an updated cost analysis should be done prior to a decision being made about restructuring.

"You know something, I don't even know how they can be discussing shutting us down because of costs, when they haven't even figured out how much it costs to run the fire house," she said. "Do that first, do a cost analysis before anything else."

Besides data collected by Baughman, an upcoming municipal facilities review will be brought to the committee prior to any decision being made, according to Burton and McKenzie.

To worries of a fire hall closure, Burton said, "absolutely not."

"There's been absolutely no discussion about closing halls," he told the *Echo*. "We're just looking at all the assets we have there, which we do have to do under asset management as well as trying to ... if there's ways to cut a few costs we will be looking at that as well."

Burton said he felt that inaccurate information was being shared on social media, but that he welcomed the public to come to the fire committee meetings to hear first-hand the discussions being had. "I want people to know that this committee's going to look at our fire department, look at the assets we have, the halls and our department, our personnel and the whole thing, trying to make it a better place for our people to live and be safe. Period. There is nothing else there. ... we're just trying to make something we've got that is good, better."

An online petition has garnered at press time 86 signatures in the past four months in support of using funds to upgrade halls rather than shut them down in favour of a central hall, with one supporter noting, "seconds matter," and another signer saying, "it could save my [life] one day."

The fire committee meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. The August meeting was cancelled, so the next fire committee meeting takes place on Sept. 9.

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Staff Reporter

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Year-round residents and cottagers posted to Facebook recently warning others of a bear in the area. However, this may not be a common occurrence.

According to the MNRF, this year's bear calls are down about 20 per cent compared to calls this time last year.

"There have been 39 bears calls in the Bancroft district so far this season," said

Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer. "That compares to 49 during the same period last year. One bear can lead to multiple calls."

According to the ministry, there are many reasons bear calls tend to spike during the summer.

Small bears that have recently been forced away from their mothers are looking for territories of their own, while June and July are the peak breeding times for black bears and contribute to any adults, particularly males, moving around the area more than usual.

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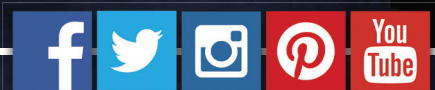
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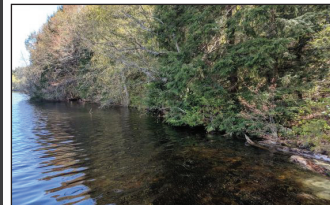
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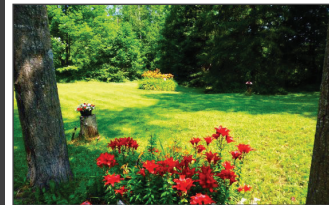
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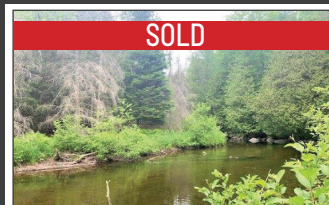
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Area resident and former Highlands East councillor Joan Barton leads the Hat Parade, which included children wearing their decorated hats and made up faces during the Wilberforce Penny Raffle on Saturday, July 20 at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce. There were more than 150 prizes raffled off and the event included kids' games and activities, face painting and exhibit tables. Across the road, at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre, the annual Spaghetti Dinner drew 86 people and was held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The proceeds from the Penny Raffle go to community development./ DARREN LUM Staff



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Dysart, HE make composters, digesters available to residents

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

The municipalities of Dysart et al and Highlands East will be making composters and digesters available for sale for residents, beginning as early as this week for the composters.

The two municipalities have put in a bulk order for items, which residents will use at home for the disposal of organic waste.

“Right now, it’s Highlands East and Dysart going forward with this initiative,” Mallory Bishop, environmental co-ordinator for Dysart et al told councillors during a July 23 meeting, adding if the county’s other municipalities chose to opt in, they could purchase the devices from Dysart.

The bulk order, which cost just more than \$7,200, was for 80 composters and 50 digesters. The municipalities will sell them at a rate of cost recovery, meaning they will be cheaper for residents than purchasing them from a store. The composters will sell for \$39 (that includes tax),

and the digesters for \$83.

“I think it’s very important that we support this,” said Councillor Larry Clarke, adding that unlike some other municipalities, the county’s local governments have no stream for organic waste. “Composting at the home level is the only option we’ve got at this point in time.”

Councillor John Smith, who sits on the environment and climate change committee from which the project came, said he anticipated the composters could be available this week, the digesters a little while later.

“People are familiar with the composters, the digester is a bit of a different technology,” Smith said, adding that digesters can be used to process things such as meat byproducts and other matter not intended for traditional composters.

“I think they will sell very quickly,” said Mayor Andrea Roberts, anticipating the program would be successful, and

confirming the municipality would order more if it ran out.

Citizen group Environment Haliburton is making a video promoting the practice of composting, Smith noted.

During a July 24 meeting of Haliburton County council, Environment Haliburton member Susan Hay made a presentation to councillors, part of which stressed the importance of composting. Hay said part of the video would address the fear of attracting bears, “which seems to be one of the major hurdles,” in terms of getting people to compost.

Hay encouraged the county’s other two municipalities – Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands – to get involved with the composting program.

“Algonquin Highlands had composters for years,” said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, adding the township could consider doing it again.

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 - 1. Cash dispenser
 - 4. Air pollution
 - 8. Illegal seizure
 - 10. Shop
 - 11. Besides
 - 12. Spanish dish
 - 13. Protective covering of seeds
 - 15. Greedy eater
 - 16. Existing only in the mind
 - 17. Make rough
 - 18. Cooperation
 - 21. A way to consume
 - 22. Strike out a batter in baseball
 - 23. Swiss river
 - 24. 2K pounds
 - 25. Domesticated animal
 - 26. Surrounds the Earth
 - 27. Legendary actress
 - 34. Seattle ballplayer
 - 35. Bluish greens
 - 36. Carrying of a boat
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Vinegary
 - 2. Ohio town
 - 3. Bivalve mollusk
 - 4. Type of hat
 - 5. Liquefied by heat
 - 6. Synthetic acrylic fiber
 - 7. Wild or sweet cherry
 - 9. Flower segment
 - 10. Lizard-like
 - 12. What politicians stand on
 - 14. Pie __ mode
- 37. Having a particular shape
 - 38. Takes advantage of
 - 39. The Destroyer (Hindu)
 - 40. Basmati and saffron are two
 - 41. Leak slowly through
 - 42. Parrots
 - 43. Midway between south and southeast
- 15. Indian city
 - 17. Old TV part (abbr.)
 - 19. Assaults
 - 20. Paddle
 - 23. Types of photos
 - 24. Dorothy’s friend was made of this
 - 25. Soirees
 - 26. Scottish port
 - 27. Percussion instrument
 - 28. Auto industry icon
 - 29. Type of drug
 - 30. Historic city in Germany
 - 31. Animal disease
 - 32. Some like them in martinis
 - 33. Get away
 - 34. Entertainment
 - 36. Where ballgames are played

Answers on page 30



Artistic endeavours

On July 24, students take turns showing the class their work, which includes drawings and creative writing of what they were inspired by in award-winning OCAD graduate Kal Honey’s Landscapes Real, Imagined & Altered art class taking place at HHSS throughout the week of July 22-26. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff



Students from OCAD graduate Brad Sherwood’s youth/teen archery class practice their fencing forms as they begin to duel on July 24 at Haliburton School of Art + Design.



Alice meets The Mad Hatter in a youth production “Alice in the Sculpture Forest” during the second day of shooting in the woods. On July 24 at Haliburton School of Art + Design, director and teacher Tammy Rea films the scene while students act out the script they wrote together.



Supporting the Red Wolves

The Haliburton County Red Wolves athletes, members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP, and athletes' supporters came together for the annual Special Olympics and Law Enforcement Torch Run on Saturday, July 20 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The torch run included a walk down the main streets of Haliburton, Minden and Kinnmount. The tour of Haliburton County started at the Tim Hortons in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

OPP Const. Tim Negus leads the Haliburton County Red Wolves athletes, members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP, and athletes' supporters in the annual Special Olympics and Law Enforcement Torch Run.



Members of the Red Wolves team and their supporters collect money as they walk down Highland Street.

Tim Hortons assistant manager Audrina Upton holds the Special Olympics doughnut, which was sold as part of the Global Day of Inclusion. Proceeds supported Canadians with intellectual disabilities.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, August 14th, 2019
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2019-004 – Dietrich
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private garage on a lot located in the WR4L zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30 to permit a private garage to have a minimum street setback from Reg's Trail of 4.8 metre (16 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 8, Concession 7, Parts 4 to 6, 19R-2234, in the geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1168 Reg's Trail – Drag Lake).
2. D13-MV-2019-006 – Wissler and Morgan
 - Purpose and Effect: to legalize the location of a one storey private garage on a lot in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30 to permit a private garage to have a minimum street setback from Kennis Lake Road of 12.59 metres (41.3 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 17.5 metres (57.41 feet);
 - b) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a private garage to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 6.19 metres (20.3 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 10, Concession 3, Lot 54, Plan 467, in the geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Kennis Lake – 6281 Kennis Lake Road).
3. D13-MV-2019-007 – Campsall
 - Purpose and Effect: The following variance is requested to permit construction of a dwelling on a lot in the WR4 zone:
 - a) An increase to the provisions of Section 3.19(a)(iv) to permit a dwelling within the required water setback abutting a shoreline to have a dimension parallel to the shoreline of 22.86 metres (75 feet) as opposed to the required maximum of 18.5 metres (60.7 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 12, Concession 5, Lots 11 and 12, Plan 329, in the geographic Township of Harburn, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1015 Olympia Drive – Haliburton Lake).
4. D13-MV-2019-010 – Lacroix and Tort
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private garage and legalize the size and location of a dwelling and shed on a lot in the RU1L zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 9.2 to permit a private garage to have a minimum exterior lot line setback of 1.22 metres (4 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 13.5 metres (44.29 feet);
 - b) A decrease to the provisions of Section 9.2 to permit a shed to have a minimum exterior lot line setback of 13.41 metres (44 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 13.5 metres (44.29 feet);
 - c) A decrease to the provisions of Section 9.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum exterior lot line setback of 11.9 metres (39.04 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 13.5 metres (44.29 feet);
 - d) A decrease to the provisions of Section 9.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum dwelling unit area of 73.73 square metres (793.6 square feet) as opposed to required minimum of 74 square metres (796.5 square feet).
 - Location: Lots 29 to 30, Concession 11, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Art Lake).
5. D13-MV-2019-012 – Harcourt Park Inc. (Watson)
 - Purpose and Effect: to legalize the location of a dwelling and to permit construction of a deck on a lot in the WR4L-1 zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 19.51 metres (64.02 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (65.62 feet);
 - b) An increase to the provisions of Section 3.7(a) to permit an attached deck to extend 5.06 metres (16.6 feet) into the minimum water setback as opposed to the required maximum of 3 metres (9.84 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 2, Concession 8, Parcel 56, Plan Allen Lake, Parts 1 and 2, Plan 19R-8227, in the geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Allen Lake – 1059 Len Crawford Drive).
6. D13-MV-2019-014 – Harrison
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private garage on a lot in the WR4 zone
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a private garage to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 3.4 metres (11 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet);
 - b) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a private garage to have minimum street setback of 14 metres (46 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 17.5 (57.41 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 10, Lot 11, Plan 348, Part 1, Plan 19R9938, in the geographic Township of Harburn, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (6684 Haliburton Lake Road – Haliburton Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



Laura Ostler and Erin Vanderburgh react to a comment from one of their fellow golfers.

Driving performance

Four golfers, one drive, four different reactions: *The Ladies Foursome* by Norm Foster opened Monday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the high school in Haliburton. This uproarious comedy, presented by Highlands Summer Festival, features, from the left, Laura Ostler, Erin Vanderburgh, Myrna McBrien and Sue Hemstreet, playing 18 holes of golf as they discover perhaps too much about each other and a great deal about themselves. *The Ladies Foursome* continues until Aug. 8. Call 705-457-9933 for tickets. /Photo by Lorne Campbell

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What about when it comes to your own substance use (or your use of substances)? What would help you determine the need and time for help? Would it be a health-related concern? Would it take others telling you about how they see substances affecting your day-to-day life? If you think that your substance use has become a problem, how and when do you seek out help? It can be a very difficult time as family members see their loved one's suffering, but as I suggested a few weeks ago, addiction is the only disease that requires some kind of self-diagnosis before effective treatment can begin. Unlike a compound fracture that is protruding through the skin, the person who is struggling with a substance use disorder may have a very difficult time seeing how their substance use is causing harm to them and those around them.

It is important that when someone who is struggling with their substance

use realizes that there is a problem that they are able to access local resources as quickly as possible. Drug and alcohol treatment encompasses a variety of approaches and there are different options available depending on each person's situation. For any of them to be effective, though, there needs to be honesty – first to self and then to others around you. There must be an open-mindedness to look at things that are unfamiliar and a willingness to go where it is uncomfortable to go. People with a substance use disorder have a physical addiction, a mental compulsion. It will take time and effort in order to recover. It is, however, possible. It involves a number of small steps that over time can make up many miles on the road to recovery.

When I first realized that my drug and alcohol use was negatively affecting my life 11 years ago, I reached out to FourCAST, the Four Counties Addiction Services Team. I started one-on-one counselling and attended 12-step recovery meetings, as well. That began a process that eventually led me to entering into an inpatient residential treatment centre in 2009. Cheryl Robinson, a registered psychotherapist at FourCAST in Lindsay says, "At FourCAST treatment begins at point of intake. Our intake workers can meet with clients by phone or in person at the office to complete the intake and then clients will be offered support groups and Acu-detox to start right away (that day). Clients will also be offered phone support or Commu-

nity Withdrawal Management support depending on their needs (starts within 24 hours of intake)." Not everyone needs to go away to a treatment facility. They can access a variety of services right from where they live.

"Desperate times call for desperate measures" is a modern phrase that can be traced back to Hippocrates, a noted physician in the 4th century BC. He said, "For extreme diseases, extreme methods of cure are most suitable." In 2014 when I slipped back into destructive habits in terms of my substance use, I should have entered back into the treatment process immediately. The problem for me is that I had slowly abandoned my program of recovery over the period of four years so that by the time I was really beginning to struggle again, I was so firmly rooted in denial that I only went deeper and deeper into my addictions. If I had been practising a healthy plan of recovery at that time, perhaps the problem could have been resolved without having to resort to desperate measures.

One-on-one counselling or group therapy might have got me back on track. Resuming my 12-step meetings should have been a priority. Eventually, the pain of leading a double life, hiding the truth from all of those closest to me, caused me to leave a career that I loved and pushed me to the brink of suicide. Only extreme treatment options were available to me then and I entered into an inpatient treatment centre in November 2017. It was there that I was told that my condition would require further inpatient treatment and I did another 72 days in another facility in 2018, for a total of 117 days. I tell you this just to illustrate that different interventions could have worked at various junctures

on my decline, but because I didn't fully embrace my condition, I was unable to avoid the three-year downward spiral. I literally got into treatment by the skin of my teeth, one or two weeks later and who knows if I would have made it.

Asking for help is hard. It is hard to be vulnerable in a culture that puts so much emphasis on self-sufficiency and being strong. I could not do it alone. That is the message that I want to leave you with. You can't do it alone. It takes opening up to those who care about you and saying the things that you need to say in order to begin the process. As a community we need to be more sympathetic and more empathetic to those who are suffering under the weight of substance use issues. We need to be able to show care and concern for all so that no one feels alone or marginalized. In the weeks ahead I will talk more about substance use disorders and the stigma that still exists around them.

If you think you might like to talk to someone about your substance use, or if you are looking for support around a concern for someone else's substance use, call FourCAST at 1-800-461-1909.

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Where: Ingoldsby Park

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Summer festival brings magic to the Haliburton stage

community news
wilberforce
Hilda Clark
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The past days and weeks of this summer of 2019 will long be remembered for the high temperatures day after day. How to keep cool both at home and when it has been necessary to venture outdoors? And where to get the best good comfortable sleep?

A session of the Falls Prevention program is currently being held here. Each week there are two sessions each one hour long with a combination of gentle exercise and information about safety especially as one ages. The arena snack bar area proves to be a useful space for small groups and it has been comfortably cool. A new session will likely be offered in the fall.

Hopefully the weather will be suitable for the planned afternoon of lawn croquet at the Outpost Historic House this Wednesday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m. In case of extreme heat or rain, iced tea inside and a tour of the museum will be offered instead. The cookbook display continues to be of interest along with the permanent artifacts. Vanessa, a knowledgeable, experienced guide, is

there this summer to give tours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. except closed on Tuesdays. There will be some interesting items from the Outpost displayed at the Heritage Guild table at the Agricultural Fair on Saturday, Aug. 10 and the previous evening.

A number from this area have greatly appreciated summer theatre performances at Haliburton's Northern Lights Pavilion. Pru Donaldson and Andrew Bee, the two person cast of *Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks*, performed well as they explored the "very meaning of understanding acceptance and forgiveness in a show that is rich with humour, shock value, music and through verbal sparring and very frank conversation." They danced very well too. That set was delightful and immediately told the audience that the woman who lived there had taste and was not too old to have ulterior motives for hiring a dance instructor!

Also there last week, the TorQ Percussion Quartet, one of Canada's premiere percussion ensembles gave three amazing performances. As summer festival artistic producer Scot Denton had promised, the magic produced by TorQ's Adam Campbell, Jamie Drake, Dan Morphy and Richard Burrows did surprise, intrigue and amaze their audiences. How entertaining and creative! A fine program with cymbals, drums and two stage-filling, amazing xylophones plus several improvised instruments. Wow! Four talented, amazingly creative musicians. Thank you.

Guilford community celebrates achievements, mourns loss of good friends

community news
west guilford
Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Congratulations to Bethany Chumbley, daughter of David and Leslie Chumbley on attaining her bachelor of commerce with honours from Laurentian University June 20. The occasion was celebrated with proud relatives on June 23 in Orillia.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Chris Cowan, son of Marilyn and Russell Cowan, who succumbed to cancer on June 21. The very crowded reception in the Centre at Guilford attested to his life of good nature and helpfulness to friends and neighbours alike. He will be sorely missed by many.

Congratulations to Kristoffer and Stephanie Cox on the birth of their son, Connor Earl Cox on May 21.

Laurel Duncan has recently had a trip to Mission, B.C. where she visited Gail (Sawyer) Beckei.

Myra Marshall of Sioux Lookout, Ont., visited in June

with Perry and Kay Morrison in West Guilford and the Urquharts in Haliburton, both good friends of former years. On July 21, Myra was able to attend the Maple Lake United Church which she and Bill had attended for many years.

Next door neighbours of mine, the Freemans, Mark and Kristalyn and Marks mother Iris, travelled to England June 20 to July 3 where a Freeman family reunion was held in Kent. Weather was beautiful for them which always enhances a holiday.

George and Shireen Cooper of Kanloops, B.C. are in the neighbourhood for approximately two weeks beginning July 21.

Monarch Bible Camp at the West Guilford Baptist Church has had 23 children enrolled for the past week. Ranging in age from six to 12, the youngsters engaged in swimming, kayaking, archery, arts, crafts and drama encompassed by scriptural teaching. Co-operative games and paddle board were also included. August 19-23 is the next available camping time. Call 705-887-3625 for more information. Thanks to camp director Teresa Ward for the many hours of work for the campers.

A sad note to end on. Garry Cooper, has recently passed away as a palliative care patient in Oshawa. Funeral to take place Tuesday, July 30 at 11 a.m.

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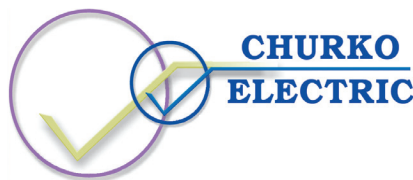
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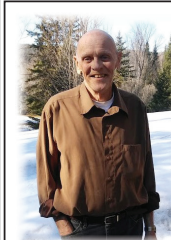
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In Loving Memory of

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On Tuesday, July 23, 2019, loving husband, brother, father, and grandfather, Garry Cooper, passed away at the age of 77.

Garry was born in Haliburton, Ontario, on February 25, 1942, to Fred and Holly (Prosser) Cooper. He worked at Caterpillar for 25 years, London Life for four and Emmerson's Lumber for ten years. In 1965, he married Jean Francis. They raised two children, Sally and Mark. In 1991, he married Ruth (Leeder) Poole and they moved to Barry Line where they lived until this year, when they retired to Oshawa.

Every year Garry went hunting and fishing. He loved running, excelled at track and field in high school and played softball and broomball as an adult. When raising children, he lived in Inglewood, where he served as a volunteer firefighter, as Captain, and headed the town's recreation committee, volunteered with rep hockey and softball and sang in the Achill choir. Garry loved woodworking and often made signs, furniture and art works for his home and as gifts. He was known for his charm, his kindness, his stories, his bass voice, his love of cards, horseshoes, dancing, country music, and the Toronto Blue Jays. He was a big spirit and will be dearly missed.

Garry was predeceased by his mother (Holly); his father (Fred); his stepmother (Illa); his brother (Jerald); his brother-in-law (Martin); his sister-in-law (Pat) and his nephew (Dwayne). He is survived by his wife Ruth, his two children Sally (Daniel) and Mark (Pam); his four grandchildren Lily, Cameron, Raven and Isis, his brother Ralph (Cathy), his sister Colleen (Bob), his stepsons Jonathan (Janice) and Andrew (Lori) and their children Amelia, Benjamin, Caleb and Phoenix and by several nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Monday from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. A Funeral Service to Celebrate Garry's Life will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 11:00 am. Cremation to follow. A reception will be held in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Private family interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Lupus Ontario would be appreciated by the family.



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A Highlands fling

More than 100 Highland dancers gathered in Head Lake Park on Saturday for the annual Haliburton Highland Games. To give the crowd a taste of some of

Scotland's traditional dances, these girls did a demonstration on the grass during a break from competition. There were also heavy events and of course, lots of pipes and drums bands. There are more photos of the event, which attracted more than 2,500 people, on page 15.

Dysart closes doors on boathouse debate

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al councillors have decided that the issue of boathouses will not be included in the recently-posted issue paper that outlines what the main areas of change could be for the new official plan.

On the county's website www.county.haliburton.on.ca, there are now three papers posted under the Dysart section pertaining to the development of a

new official plan. These papers are about broad issues, roads and lake capacity.

Councillor Jerry Walker suggested at last week's meeting that Dysart's policy against the construction of boat-houses be included in these papers for public debate and discussion.

Walker says he was not suggesting that he was entirely in favour of boat-houses but that the ratepayers should have an opportunity to decide for themselves what they would like the municipality to do.

He also suggested that lot

sizes are often bigger now and the municipality may not have the same concerns as in the past.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis says the size of the lots does not matter.

"Put a boathouse on a lake and you're shooting yourself in the foot," says Davis.

Reeve Murray Fearrey says back in 1967, cottagers asked council to not allow boathouses because they were unsightly.

"We put this out for public discussion and those in the con-

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Grenville Martin's legacy remembered in Harcourt

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The crisp letters spelling Grenville Martin Memorial Park on the new sign at the Harcourt ball diamond are just words, but his family says the spirit of their father and friend lives on in every crack of a bat hitting a ball and in the service of every volunteer at the community centre.

Grenville Martin built a Canadian logging hardwood mill empire based in Harcourt worth more than \$7 million by the time he was 48 and passed away in a tragic plane crash in 1984.

He was an avid sportsman so purchased the land and ball diamond equipment such as the lights before he passed away. Valerie Smith says a previous sign with his name on it at the park was in shambles so an anonymous donor paid Andy Hillo to create a new sign for the park.

Smith was chosen by the Harcourt Community Centre board to organize a sign dedication ceremony. She tracked down many members of his family, none of whom live in Harcourt, for a dedication ceremony and presented last Saturday a collection of histori-

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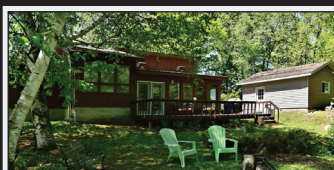
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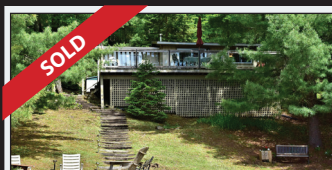
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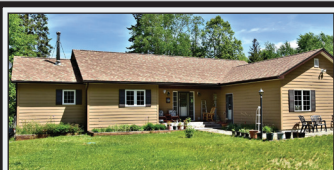
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Private 3BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage with 110 ft of frontage. Bright open concept living. Level to gentle slop lot. 10X10 flawless gazebo.
\$379,000



DRAG LAKE

3BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage. Recently upgraded kitchen and appliances, 102 ft of frontage on Drag Lake. Sunny lot with south east exposure. Single dry boathouse/shed.
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Beautiful country home minutes from Haliburton Village. Oak flooring, red pine ceilings. Large deck over looking Barnum lake. 3 BR, 3 bath home.
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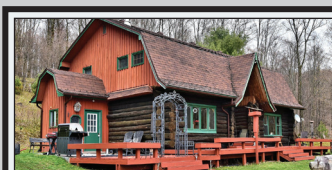
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3 BR, 2 bath Lake house! 114ft of frontage. Open concept w/ granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances. Single oversized detached garage. Private. SW exposure.
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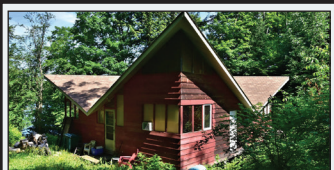
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Every nature lovers dream! 3 BR, 2 bath rustic log home. .92 acres. Open concept, sunken living room. Large 3 bay garage, wood shed and garden shed.
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LONG LAKE

3 BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage. 700ft of frontage. 52 acres of land. Clean, sand/rock shoreline. Awaits your finishing touch.
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EAGLE LAKE ROAD

Enjoy privacy and nature! 3BR, 3 bath brick home. Minutes from West Guilford. Large master BR w/ 4pc ensuite. 5 acres. Double attached garage. Small private pond.
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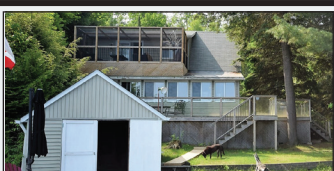
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